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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF JOINT MEMORANDUM AGREED TO BY EURO-ARAB EXPERTS MEETING IN CAIRO JUNE 10-14. FACT THAT WE HAVE TEXT SHOULD NOT BE REVEALED.

BEGIN TEXT: JOINT MEMORANDUM CAIRO, 14 TH JUNE 1975

INTRODUCTION

- THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE IS THE PRODUCT OF A JOINT POLITICAL WILL THAT EMERGED AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL WITH A VIEW TO ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS.
- THE TWO SIDES RECALLED THAT THE DIALOGUE HAD ITS ORIGINS IN THE EXCHANGES WHICH TOOK PLACE BETWEEN THEM AT THE END OF 1973. THESE INCLUDED THE STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE NINE MEMBER STATES OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY ON THE 6TH NOVEMBER 1973, CONCERNING THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE STATEMENT ADDRESSED TO THE COUNTIES OF WESTERN EUROPE AT THE 6TH ARAB SUMMIT CONFERENCE IN ALGIERS, ON 28TH NOVEMBER 1973.
- THE DIALOGUE'S POLITICAL DIMENSIONS ARE IN ESSENCE THE ATTEMPT TO REDISCOVER, TO RENEW AND TO INVIGORATE THE LINKS THAT AFFECT THESE NEIGHBOURING REGIONS; THE DESIRE TO ELIMINATE MISUNDERSTANDINGS THAT GAVE RISE TO DIFFICULTIES IN THE PAST; AND THE INTENTION TO ESTABLISH THE BASES FOR FUTURE COOPERATION, EMBRACING A WIDE AREA OF ACTIVITIES; TO THE BENEFIT OF BOTH SIDES. THE GROWTH AND FLOURISHING OF ARAB-EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COOPERATION SHOULD PROCEED ON THIS UNDERSTANDING WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARDS STABILITY, SECURITY AND A JUST PEACE IN THE ARAB REGION AND TOWARDS THE CAUSE OF WORLD PEACE AND SECURITY.
- THE ESTABLISHMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS IS INSPIRED BY THE TIES OF NEIGHBOURHOOD AND A COMMON CULTURAL HERITAGE CONFIDENTIAL

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AS WELL AS BY THEIR COMPLEMENTARY AND CONVERGENT INTERESTS.

THIS COOPERATION SHOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE STRENGTHENING OF ALREADY EXISTING RELATIONS AND TO THE GROWTH OF FRIENDSHIP AMONG THE STATES AND PEOPLES CONCERNED. IT SHOULD DEEPEN THEIR MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AND CONFIDENCE AND SHOULD OPEN UP NEW HORIZONS IN THE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC SOCIAL AND CULTURAL DOMAINS.

- IN THE FIELD OF ECONOMICS IN PARTICULAR, THE DIALOGUE AIMS AT ESTABLISHING COOPERATION CAPABLE OF CREATING THE FUNDAMENTAL CONDITIONS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARAB WORLD IN ITS ENTIRETY AND OF LESSENING THE TECHNOLOGICAL GAP SEPARATING THE ARAB AND EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. THIS NECESSITATES THE SEEKING OF EFFECTIVE MEASURES AND STEPS IN ALL DOMAINS BASED ON AN EQUITABLE DIVISION OF LABOUR BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS. THUS ON THE ONE HAND, THE EUROPEAN PARTY POSSESSES GREAT POTENTIAL IN THE FIELDS OF TECHNOLOGY, EQUIPMENT AND SEFVICES. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ARAB SIDE POSSESSES AN ABUNDANCE OF PRIMARY RESOURCES, AS WELL AS CONSIDERABLE FINANCIAL AND HUMAN RESOURCES.
- THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE ARAB WORLD IS PART AND PARCEL OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE THIRD WORLD AND COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE GROWTH AND PROSPERITY OF THE ENTIRE WORLD ECONOMY WHICH WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE TO THE ADVANTAGE OF ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED.
- THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE MUST:
- REST ON THE EQUALITY OF THE PARTNERS,
- BE BASED ON THEIR MUTUAL INTEREST,
- BE A COMPLEMENT TO THE COOPERATION LINKS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY AND CERTAIN MEMBERS OF THE ARAB LEAGUE,
- RESPECT EXISTING BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN ANY SINGLE ARAB STATE AND ANY MEMBER STATE OF THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OR THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE.
- RESPECT EACH PARTY'S INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OVER ITS NATURAL RESOURCES.
- BOTH SIDES EXPRESS THEIR WISH THAT THE DIALOGUE SHOULD CONTINUE UNTIL IT REACHES ITS DESIRED OBJECTIVES.

OBJECTIVES OF THE DIALOGUE CONFIDENTIAL

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INDUSTRIALIZATION

THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE AIMS AT DEVELOPING THE STRUCTURE OF THE ARAB ECONOMY, DIVERSIFYING SOURCES OF REVENUES THROUGH THE DEVELOPMENT OF BASIC AND INTERMEDIATE INDUSTRIES IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND MAXIMIZING THE PROCESSING OF LOCAL RAW MATERIALS FOR LOCAL CONSUMPTION AND EXPORTATION. THIS INCLUDES THE MODERNIZATION AND THE INDUSTRIALIZATION OF THE AGRICULTURAL SECTOR.

TO ACHIEVE THIS END A JOINT EURO-ARAB EFFORT IS REQUIRED TO:

(1) PROMOTE INDUSTRIES WHICH RELY ON AVAILABLE RAW MATERIALS IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES AND GIVING PRIORITY TO THE PROCESSING OF SUCH RAW MATERIALS IN THESE COUNTRIES, DUE REGARD BEING PAID TO EXISTING

INVESTMENTS.

- (2) ENCOURAGE AN EFFECTIVE FLOW OF ADVANCE EUROPEAN TECHNOLOGY TO THE ARAB COUNTRIES ON APPROPRIATE TERMS, AND COOPERATION WITH ARAB COUNTERPARTS IN DEVELOPING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO INDUSTRIES RELYING ON LOCAL RAW MATERIALS. IT IS TO BE RECALLED THAT THE ARAB SIDE WILL SEEK TO CREATE THE APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS FOR THE TRANSFER OF SUCH TECHNOLOGY.
- (3) FACILITATE THE MARKETING OF THE PRODUCTS OF THE FOREGOING ENTER-PRISES.
- (4) WORK OUT METHODS FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF THE AFOREMENTIONED OBJECTIVES.

BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE

THE SUSTAINED GROWTH OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES IN THE AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL SECTORS AND THE RAPID IMPROVEMENT OF LIVING CONDITIONS IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES REQUIRE THE SETTING UP OF AN INFRAST-RUCTURE ABLE TO MEET THEIR REQUIREMENTS OF TRANSPORT, CIVIL ENGINEERING URBANISATION, HEALTH, EDUCATION, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, PLANNING AND DEVELOPING THE CITIES ANND RELEVANT PUBLIC UTILITIES, DISTRIBUTION AND TOURISM.

EURO-ARAB COOPERATION IS TO BE CARRIED OUT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH WORKING PROCEDURES TO BE WORKED OUT IN JOINT CONSULTATION, WITH A CONFIDENTIAL

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VIEW TO SPEEDING UP THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SUCH INFRASTRUCTURES PARTICULARLY BY RESORTING TO THE MOST EFFECTIVE EUROPEAN TECHNOLOGIES.

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AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

THE EURO-ARAB COOPERATION SIMILARLY SEEKS TO DEVELOP AGRICULTURAL, ANIMAL, WATER RESOURCES AND THE PRODUCTION OF FOODSTUFFS IN THE ARAB STATES, TO EXAMINE PROGRAMMES IN ORDER TO PURSUE A POLICY OF INT-EGRATED RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND TO DETERMINE THE CONTRIBUTION OF EUROPEAN KNOWHOW IN THIS RESPECT.

CONSEQUENTLY, IT WILL FIRST BE NECESSARY TO EXAMINE THE CURRENT SITUATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROSPECTS OF AGRICULTURE IN ARAB STATES, AS WELL AS PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION PATTERN IN FOODSTUFFS IN THESE COUNTRIES. WITH THIS END IN VIEW, BOTH PARTIES SHOULD IDENTIFY MEASURES LIKELY TO PROMOTE EXPANSION OF FOOD AND CASH CROPS, LIVE-STOCK FARMING, COMBATING DISEASES, IMPROVING PASTURES AND ACQUISITION OF ADVANCED EUROPEAN EXPERTISE TO CONSERVE ANIMAL WEALTH IN THE ARAB STATES SO AS TO GUARANTEE THE OPTIMUM USE OF AVAILABLE LAND, INCLUDING PREVENTION OF SOIL EROSION, MEASURES TO PREVENT DESERTIFICATION AND ANY SUITABLE ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES.

FROM THE FOREGOING THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURAL, ANIMAL AND PISCICULTURAL RESEARCH IS UNDERLINED AS ONE OF THE BASIC RULES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND EVOLUTION OF ALL ASPECTS OF THE AGRICUTURAL SECTOR. SPECIAL IMPORTANCE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO RESEARCH PERTAINING TO THE BREEDING, IMPROVEMENT AND INCREASE OF SEEDS, COMBATTING OF PESTS AND DISEASES IN ADDITION TO THE DIFFERENT RELEVANT RESEARCH ACTIVITIES. PARTICULAR EMPHASIS SHOULD MOREOVER BE LAID ON THE IMPORTANCE OF AGRICULTURAL EXTENSION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING.

IT WOULD BE NECESSARY ALSO TO ENVISAGE THE DEVELOPMENT OF IRRIGATION, COMPRISING OPTIMUM USE OF WATER RESOURCES AND ALL POSSIBILITIES FOR THE UTILISATION OF ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY FOR DESALINISATION OF SEA WATER AND OTHER ASPECTS RELEVANT TO IRRIGATION.

THE TWO SIDES WILL ALSO DISCUSS THE POSSIBLE APPLICATION OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY IN AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT, INCLUDING DISALINISATION.

THE TWO SIDES WILL ENDEAVOUR TO BENEFIT FROM EUROPEAN EXPETISE WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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REGARD TO CANNING, PACKING, AND PROCESSING OF THE VARIOUS KINDS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS. THEY WILL ALSO COOPERATE IN THE FIELD OF ARAB PRODUCTION OF BASIC INPUTS, IN PARTICULAR EQUIPMENT, FERTILIZERS AND PESTICIDES.

IN ALL THESE FIELDS, PRIORITY SECTORS NEED TO BE DETERMINED AND PROGRAMMES ESTABLISHED, AND WORKING METHODS DEFINED WITH A VIEW TO SELECTING SPECIFIC COOPERATION PROJECTS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ABOVE PROGRAMMES. POSSIBILITIES OF FACILITATING THE MARKETING OF THE PRODUCTS OF SUCH ENTERPRISES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED.

POSSIBILITIES OF THE EUROPEAN CONTRIBUTION IN THESE AREAS SHOULD BE LISTED.

FINALLY, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE ARABS AND EUROPEANS HAVE A JOINT INTEREST TO WORK TOGETHER IN DEALING WITH ALL ASPECTS OF THE WORLD FOOD SUPPLY SITUATION.

FINANCIAL COOPERATION

THE COOPERATION ENVISAGED IN THE VARIOUS AREAS DISCUSSED ABOVE WILL HELP GENERALLY TO PROMOTE INCREASED FINANCIAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ARAB AND EUROPEAN COUNTIES. THE POSSIBILITY OF EXTENDING COOPERAT-

ION TO SPECIFIC AREAS OF THE FINANCIAL SECTOR SHOULD ALSO BE EX/PLORED. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE SUGGESTED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

- (1) JOINT EXAMINATION OF THE BEST WAYS AND MEANS TO PROMOTE INVESTMENT ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS.
- (2) PROMOTION OF EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN THE COUNTRIES OF EACH SIDE, IN ORDER TO LIMIT THE RISKS INVOLVED, AND TO SECURE THE MAXIMUM JOINT BENEFITS.
- (3) THE PROVISION OF EUROPEAN EXPERTISE IN THE FIELDS OF FINANCE, BANKING AND INSURANCE, WITH A VIEW TO PROVIDING TRAINING OPPORT-UNITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ARAB FINANCIAL MARKETS.
- (4) COOPERATION INVOLVING THE PROVISION OF CAPITAL AND OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE PROMOTION OF JOINT PROJECTS.

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(5) CONSIDERATION OF THE ADVISABILITY AND POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPEAN AND ARAB FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.

TRADE

THE DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSIFICATION OF TRADE EXCHANGES BETWEEN THE ARAB-EUROPEAN REGIONS ARE AN IMPORTANT FACTOR FOR PROMOTING THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THESE TWO REGIONS. MEASURES SHOULD BE TAKEN TO MAKE FULL USE OF THE EXISTING TRADE FACILITIES FOR THE MARKETING AND FLOW OF ARAB PRODUCTS INTO EUROPEAN MARKETS WHICH DO NOT IMPOSE THE RECIPROCAL GRANTING OF CONCESSIONS ON THE PART OF THE ARAB STATES TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY DURING THE CURRENT PHASE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

IN THE FIELD OF COMMERCIAL COOPERATION BOTH PARTIES SHALL FURTHERMORE EXHCANGE INFORMATION ON TRADE REGULATIONS AND ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRADE IN THE TWO REGIONS WHILE SEEKING PRACTICAL MEASURES TO PROMOTE TRADE.

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, CULTURAL AND LABOUR AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS

FIRST: SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION

THE TWO SIDES DEEM IT NECESSARY THAT THE FIELDS OF COOPERATION SHOULD INCLUDE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH, TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT, AND

TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING. IN THIS CONTEXT THEY WILL ALSO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITIES OF COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY.

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- (1) DRAWING UP COOPERATION PROGRAMMES TO ENCOURAGE AN EFFECTIVE FLOW OF ADVANCED EUROPEAN TECHNOLOGY TO THE ARAB COUNTRIES ON APPROPRIATE TERMS PROVIDING EUROPEAN EXPERTISE IN THE VARIOUS FIELDS AND ADAPTING IT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF ARAB DEVELOPMENT IN ITS DIFFERENT STAGES.
- (2) ENCOURAGING THE CONSOLIDATION OF THE WORK OF RESEARCH INSTIT-UTES IN SELECTING PROJECTS IN THE FIELDS OF BASIC AND APPLIED SCIENCES.

CONSIDERING THE EXTENSION OR ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAINING CENTRES IN ARAB COUNTRIES ON THE ONE HAND AND OF CREATING, ON THE OTHER HAND, WITHIN THE EXISTING TEACHING AND TRAINING INSTITUTIONS IN COMMUNITY COUNTRIES, TRAINING COURSES WHICH MIGHT BE RUN BY A EURO-ARAB BODY.

- (3) TRAINING OF SPECIALIZED PERSONNEL ENGAGED IN INDUSTRIAL, AGRICULTURAL, AND FINANCIAL PROJECTS BY SENDING TEAMS OF EUROPEAN EXPERTS TO TRAIN ARAB MANPOWER OR BY TRAINING SUCH MANPOWER IN THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE COMMUNITY COUNTRIES.
- (4) CREATING EFFECTIVE COOPERATION AND EXCHANGING INFORMATION BETWEEN ARAB AND EUROPEAN UNIVERSITIES WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON SCHOLARSHIPS, METHODS OF RESEARCH, MANAGEMENT, ACADEMIC LEVELS AND THE VARIOUS PRESENT AS WELL AS FUTURE PROGRAMMES OF SPECIALIZATION.

SECON: CULTURAL AND CIVILISATION COOPERATION

THE TWO SIDES EXPRESS CONVICTION THAT THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE IS A CIVILISATION ENDEAVOUR BETWEEN TWO CIVILISATIONS WHICH GREATLY CONTRIBUTED TO HUMAN HERITAGE.

THE TWO SIDES ARE OF THE VIEW THAT CULTURAL AND CIVILISATION COOPERATION BETWEEN THEM WOULD COVER THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION, THE ARTS AND SCIENCES AND INFORMATION THEREON.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE OF SUCH COOPERATION IS TO CONSOLIDATE AND DEEPEN THE BASES OF CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND INTELLECTUAL RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN TWO REGIONS PREPARED TO COOPERATE BY GEOPOLITICAL, HISTORICAL AND ECONOMIC FACTORS.

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IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING:

- (1) THE TWO SIDES WOULD ENDEAVOUR TO EVALUATE AND ENHANCE THEIR JOINT CONTRIBUTION TO THEIR CULTURAL HERITAGE. THIS WOULD BE DONE THROUGH A STUDY OF EACH OTHER'S CIVILISATION, UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR RESPECTIVE HISTORIES, CONSCIOUSNESS OF THE SURROUNDING CIRCUMSTANCES AND INFLUENCING FACTORS.
- (2) TO ACHIEVE THIS END THE TWO SIDES WOULD ENCOURAGE THE EXCHANGE OF EXPERTISE BETWEEN EXISTING INSTITUTIONS AND WOULD EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITIES OF ESTABLISHING AJOINT EURO-ARAB CULTURAL INSTITUTION.
- (3) THE TWO SIDES WOULD ENDEAVOUR TO DEEPEN THE EXCHANGE OF KNOWLEDGE IN THE LANGUAGES AND CULTURES OF EUROPE AND THE ARAB REGION.
- (4) THE TWO SIDES WOULD DISCUSS MEANS OF PROMOTING RELATIONS IN THE FIELDS OF EDUCATION AND TOURISM, INCLUDING THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION THEREON.

THIRD: LABOUR AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS

WITH A VIEW TO PROMOTING EQUALITY OF TREATMENT IN WORKING AND LIVING CONDITIONS FOR BOTH ARAB AND EUROPEAN WORKERS, AND THEIR FAMILIES, EMPLOYED IN ANOTHER COUNTRY THAN THEIR OWN WITHIN THE AREA COVERED BY THE DIALOGUE, THE EURO-ARAB DIALOGUE SHOULD SEEK TO FACILITATE COOPERATION BY AN EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND VIEWS IN THE FOLLOWING FIELDS:

- 1. THE EMPLOYMENT SITUATION
- 2. WORKING AND LIVING CONDITIONS
- 3. SOCIAL SECURITY SCHEMES.

CONCLUSIONS

IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES SET OUT ABOVE, BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT THE DIALOGUE SHOULD INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING AREAS OF COOPERATION:

- INDUSTRIALIZATION,
- BASIC INFRASTRUCTURE,

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- AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT,
- FINANCIAL COOPERATION,
- TRADE,

- SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, CULTURAL AND LABOUR AND SOCIAL QUESTIONS.

BOTH SIDES AGREED THAT, PENDING THE MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE WHICH IS DESIRED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, THE PRESENT MEETING OF EXPERTS WILL BE RESUMED PERIODICALLY IN THE FORM OF A STEERING COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS; THE FIRST MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS WILL BE IN JULY IN A EUROPEAN CITY. ON THAT OCCASION, GROUPS OF EXPERTS OF BOTH SIDES WILL CONSIDER TOGETHER IN GREATER DEPTH THE AREAS OF COOPERATION SET OUT ABOVE. THERE WILL CONTINUE TO BE JOINT EUROPEAN AND ARAB CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE MEETING OF EXPERTS AND THE SAME SYSTEM WILL BE USED IN THE WORK OF JOINT GROUPS OF EXPERTS IN EACH AREA OF COOPERATION. END TEXT.

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